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## To Danya, My Daughter

After the choosing, earth  
or a high crypt in the left arm  
of the cross at Elmwood,

after the strong arms  
of your husband, your brother's tears,

come tell my spirit.

After the long drive to leave me,  
the slow black line,

tell them the purple click  
of my heels on the dance floor  
and the swirls of silk  
tickling my legs.

Tell them the lines  
I put down against  
agony, the verse after verse  
for joy.

Tell them the times  
I knew the Great Ancestor Goddess  
would hold me above  
that last shaking.

Have them wear my shoes  
and eat my lines.

Then, come, daughter. Come  
tell my spirit  
again and again.  
I will hear you  
and I will  
be glad.

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